

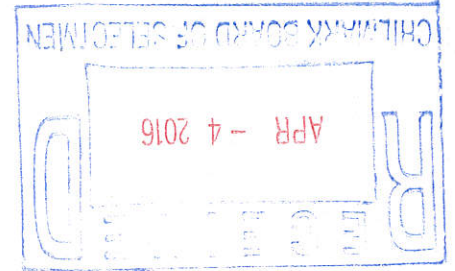


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Chairperson Jonathan Mayhew
Town of Chilmark
P.O. Box 119
Chilmark, MA 02535



Dear Chairperson Mayhew:

We are pleased to inform you that the Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for Fiscal Year 2017 will total \$200 million statewide.

This letter certifies that, pending final passage of the bond authorization, the Fiscal Year 2017 Chapter 90 apportionment for Town of Chilmark is **\$65,786**. This apportionment will automatically be incorporated into your existing 10-Year Chapter 90 contract, which will be available on the MassDOT website <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/chapter90>.

We recognize that the Chapter 90 program is an integral part of maintaining and enhancing your community's infrastructure and is an essential component of our joint partnership. We look forward to working with you in the coming years to continue the success of this program.

Please feel free to contact MassDOT Capital Budget Director Matthew Bamonte at (857) 368-9151 with any questions you may have regarding the Chapter 90 program.

Sincerely,

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HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE NEW COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM?

As many of you are aware, the Baker-Polito Administration announced a Complete Streets Program that is meant to encourage the use of “Complete Street” practices throughout the Commonwealth. Expanding the use of Complete Streets in both our state and local work will increase the safe and accessible options for all travelers. The program was first established in Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014; however, due to concerns about some aspects of the statutory language, MassDOT released a modified program on February 2nd of 2015 after extensive municipal outreach. As such, alternative funding (non-bond bill) has been provided for initial Complete Streets efforts.

The program is comprised of a three-step process:

Step 1 – Municipality must attend the mandatory Complete Streets training and create a local Complete Streets Policy which recognizes individual community needs.

Step 2 – Municipality is eligible to apply for technical assistance (up to \$50,000) for the development of a prioritization plan once their policy has passed (Scored 80 or above), or submitted a letter of intent to pass a policy has been submitted (letter valid for only one year from date of issuance). The prioritization plan, once submitted, will only be reviewed for completeness.

Step 3 – Once the prioritization plan has been approved, a municipality may then apply for project funding. A municipality may select any number of projects from their prioritization plan totaling not more than \$400,000.

Realizing the importance of Complete Streets, we have tied this program to the Community Compact Cabinet as a way to recognize the importance of Complete Streets and the equally important partnerships between the Baker-Polito Administration and our cities and towns. Community Compact members advancing Complete Streets will have additional program points reflected in their Complete Streets Policy score. We are already seeing the potential for this program from the Complete Streets trainings that we have offered to the Commonwealth’s cities and towns, as 266 cities and towns have attended these classes. Our goal is to reach all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. Additionally, 69 municipalities have already registered on the On-line Complete Streets portal which is being used to manage and track the program. Only \$12.5M of alternative funding is available for the Complete Streets program, so early action is encouraged.

This partnership between this Administration and cities and towns can empower and encourage us to consider other safe and accessible mode options for people of all ages and abilities. We encourage you to attend the training, participate in this program, and to further your use of Complete Streets into all the great work you continue to do.

For more information about this program, visit: www.masscompletestreets.com.